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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1731

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 5788.0111-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Giacomo Stefano ROBA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 09/465,016

Examiner: J. Hoffmann

Filed: December 16, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING
AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM BY
COMBUSTIONLESS HYDROLYSIS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to reply to the Office
Action of May 9, 2002. A fee of \$400.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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